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SUBJECT: TIN PRICES

REF: STATE 228338

1. MARKET SOURCES HERE HAVE VARIOUSLY ASCRIBED RECENT SHARP INCREASE IN TIN METAL PRICE IN PENANG TO (A) FLOODS IN THAILAND AND MALAYSIA, (B) FUEL SHORTAGES IN THAILAND AFFECTING DREDGING AND SMELTING OPERATIONS AND (C) HOARDING OF TIN IN THAILAND AS HEDGE AGAINST INFLATION OR FURTHER CURRENCY ADJUSTMENTS. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT TRADERS IN U.S. ARE HOLDING TIN ON SPECULATION, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS MAY BE THE CASE IN EUROPE OR ELSEWHERE AND THAT THEY MIGHT SUDDENLY UNLOAD IF PRICE BEGINS TO SLIDE DOWN.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP REPORTS BY ADDRESSEE POSTS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANY FACTORS WHICH ARE AFFECTING OR MAY IN NEAR FUTURE

AFFECT TIN ORE AND METAL PRODUCTION OR MAY OTHERWISE HAVE
BUOYANTEFFECT ON PENANG PRICE. KISSINGER

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